IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA NORTHERN DIVISION

No. 2:17-cv-00004-FL

SAVE OUR SOUND OBX, INC., THOMAS ASCHMONEIT, RICHARD AYELLA, DAVID HADLEY, MARK HAINES, JER MEHTA, and GLENN STEVENS.

Plaintiffs,

V.

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION; JOHN F. SULLIVAN, III, DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION; and JAMES TROGDON, SECRETARY, NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,

Defendants.

ORDER ON UNOPPOSED MOTION TO INTERVENE

Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 24(a)(2) and 24(b)

On March 3, 2016, Defenders of Wildlife ("Defenders") and the National Wildlife Refuge Association (the "Refuge Association") (collectively the "Conservation Groups") moved to intervene as defendants pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 24(a)(2) and 24(b). The Conservation Groups' Motion was unopposed. After considering the Conservation Groups' Motion and their supporting memorandum and the arguments set forth therein, the Court finds that Conservation Groups are entitled to intervene in this action as of right pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24(a)(2) and, therefore, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

- The Conservation Groups' Unopposed Motion to Intervene is **GRANTED**. The
 Conservation Groups shall be Defendant-Intervenors in this action.
- 2. The Proposed Answer [D.E. 19, Attachment 7], Proposed Motion for Partial Dismissal [D.E. 19, Attachment 8], and Memorandum in Support of Motion for Partial Dismissal [D.E. 19, Attachment 9] provided with Conservation Groups' Unopposed Motion to Intervene now shall be filed separately on the docket by the movant.

Ordered this the 7th day of March, 2017.

The Honorable Louise W. Flanagan United States District Judge

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Respectfully submitted, this the 7th day of March.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 7th day of March, 2017, I have served the foregoing Proposed Order on Unopposed Motion to Intervene on the parties listed below by electronically filing it with the Clerk of Court on this date using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to, and pursuant to Local Civil Rule 5.1(e) shall constitute service upon, the following:

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I further certify that on this 7th day of March, 2017, I have served the foregoing Proposed Order on Unopposed Motion to Intervene on the Federal Defendants by placing a copy in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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